

**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [023] as follows:

According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided an identification method comprising: registering a set of identification data for one or more electronic tags (i.e.,  $M$  electronic tags), each tag being hosted in an object of  $M$  objects; a user carrying one or more of the  $M$  objects (i.e., carrying  $N$  objects such that  $N$  is at least 1 and  $N$  is less than or equal to  $M$ ); scanning a user to read the identification data of the  $N$  electronic tags hosted in the  $N$  objects being carried by the user; comparing the scanned identification data with the registered identification data; and permitting access by the user to a resource if the scanned identification data is a sub-set of the registered identification data (i.e., if the identification data of the  $M$  registered electronic tags comprise the identification data of the  $N$  electronic tags in the  $N$  objects being carried by the user).

Please amend paragraph [049] as follows:

Referring to Figure 2, a user 200 has a plurality of tags 204 (i.e.,  $N$  tags such that  $N$  is at least 2) embedded in  $N$  different items 202. At registration, a record 206 is generated which contains a reference 208, optional attributes relating to the user 200, and the identification data 212 for each of the tags 204 to be associated with the user 200.

Please amend paragraph [049] as follows:

The system can require that the user 200 be in possession of the total set of  $M$  registered tags for

access to a resource to be permitted. Alternatively, a sub-set of the registered set of tags (i.e., a sub-set comprising N tags of the registered N tags such that N is equal to or less than M) can be sufficient for access to be permitted. The sub-set comprising N tags could be any permutation of the total set of the M registered tags, or alternatively could be a minimum number of tags of the M registered tags may be required.